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## DIGEST

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HB No. 110

**Abstract:** Requires that La. Medicaid eligibility standards conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act.

Proposed law requires the secretary of DHH to take such actions as are necessary to expand Louisiana's Medicaid eligibility standards to conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) commencing on January 1, 2014. Provides that such actions by the secretary shall include:

- (1) On or before September 1, 2013, filing of the Medicaid state plan amendment necessary to expand Medicaid eligibility in accordance with proposed law.
- (2) On or before September 1, 2013, promulgating all rules and regulations as are necessary to expand Medicaid eligibility in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law declares that the purposes of the state in expanding Medicaid eligibility as provided in proposed law are as follows:

- (1) To maximize the number of Louisianians who are covered by some form of health insurance.
- (2) To provide basic health coverage to the working poor of the state who are not offered insurance through their employer and do not earn enough money to meet basic family needs and pay for private health insurance.
- (3) To protect the working poor and other financially vulnerable persons from being forced to obtain private insurance or be penalized financially, as provided in the ACA, for not maintaining health coverage.
- (4) To assure health care providers who serve low- to moderate-income persons of some amount of compensation for the care they provide.
- (5) To avert the economic and human costs of crises in both access to health care and health services financing which are likely to result from not participating in an expansion of a federal program while other major programs which finance medical care for the uninsured and the indigent are being drastically reduced.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:979.1-979.4)